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SUBJECT: AMMUNITION RESUPPLY PROBLEM GROWING MORE CRITICAL DAILY

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1. WE CURRENTLY HAVE IN PHNOM PENH APPROXIMATELY A 13-DAY  
SUPPLY OF AMMUNITION FOR FANK AT THE MINIMUM RATE OF  
CONSUMPTION POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT COMBAT CONDITIONS.

2. DESPITE THE BIRD AIR RESUPPLY EFFORT, CURRENTLY RUNNING  
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AT THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE RATE OF NINE AIRLAND AMMO RESUPPLY

SORTIES PER DAY, BY 16 FEBRUARY WE WILL BE REDUCED TO THE  
FOLLOWING LEVELS OF CRITICAL TYPES OF AMMUNITION:

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PSS	G	DAYS OF SUPPLY
105MM HOWITZER		6
MORTAR		8
SMALL ARMS		12
ANTI-PERSONNEL BOMBS		0

3. IT IS EVIDENT FROM THE ABOVE THAT ONE WEEK FROM TODAY  
WE WILL HAVE FALLEN TO SUCH A CRITICALLY LOW LEVEL OF  
AMMUNITION SUPPLY THAT THE FANK WILL LIKELY COLLAPSE.  
IT WILL BE AT LEAST A WEEK BEFORE THE BIRD AIR EFFORT  
CAN BE DOUBLED TO UP TO 20 SORTIES PER DAY. THE EARLIEST  
POSSIBLE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEKONG RIVER CONVOY IS  
FEB. 18, A WEEK FROM TODAY, AND AS EVERYONE IS AWARE,  
ITS CHANCES OF REACHING PHNOM PENH ARE PROBLEMATICAL.  
EVEN IF IT MAKES IT HERE, IT WILL BRING US ONLY FOUR  
DAYS' SUPPLY OF AMMUNITION.

4. ALL OF THE ABOVE FACTS ADD UP TO ONE CONCLUSION,  
WHICH IS THAT A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY AIRLIFT OF AMMUNITION  
BEYOND WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED BY BIRD AIR IS ESSENTIAL IF  
WE ARE TO KEEP PHNOM PENH FROM FALLING TO THE ENEMY. WE NEED  
UP TO 40 REPEAT 40 AIRLAND SORTIES PER DAY INTO POCHENTONG.  
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